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'Monster' ice storm leaves businesses closed, buses cancelled

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

The county was pummelled with freezing rain, high winds and ice pellets from what Environment Canada called a "historic ice storm" in mid-April this past weekend.

The storm began April 14 and wreaked havoc in southern Ontario, causing power outages, bus cancellations and school closures, hundreds of flight delays, more than 1,000 car accidents and localized flooding in some parts of the province.

In Haliburton County, a volunteer at the Haliburton observation site recorded 20 cm of snowfall on Saturday, April 14, and 12 cm of ice pellets and another four to five millimetres of freezing rain on top of that on April 15. Rain leading in to potential flurries on April 16 continued at press time.

"This has been a big one," said Geoff Coulson, warning preparedness meteorologist, Environment Canada. "Haliburton County may be not getting the biggest impact, but certainly when I look at the weather map, and I see the areas that this storm has impacted, not just in Canada but in the United States as well, it was a monster in terms of its size."

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Making a move

SBES Grade 1 player Jacob Manning moves one of his pieces during the Trillium Lakelands District School Board Chess Championship on Friday, April 13 at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School. There were 168 players representing 10 schools from across central Ontario vying for a chance to advance to the Canadian Chess Challenge Ontario Championships on April 22 at The Mississauga Convention Centre. More on page 5./DARREN LUM Staff

Haliburton sends one of its own to Humboldt

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

All across the nation there has been an outpouring of support for the community of Humboldt and the Humboldt Broncos hockey team following the tragic collision

between a semi-trailer and the junior A team's bus at an intersection northeast of Saskatoon on April 6. Sixteen people died.

The team was on their way to Nipawin, Sask., to play in a semi-final game against the Nipawin Hawks.

Since the collision, Canadians have united in solidarity. They shared in the grief and have shown amazing generos-

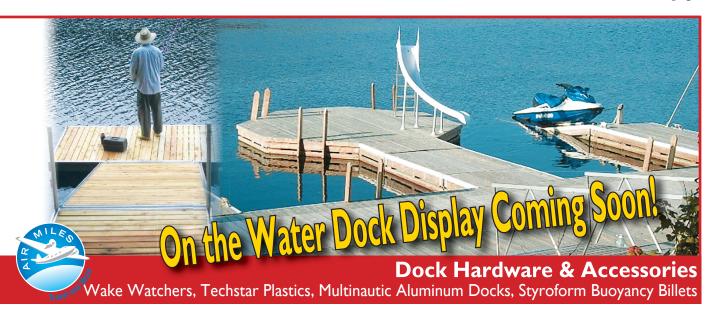
ity with financial contributions through a GoFundMe campaign that has raised more than \$11 million, the third highest ever in history. They wore hockey, baseball and basketball jerseys for Jersey Day this past Thursday, and expressed compassion through social media with messages and images – one of them a hockey

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Broncos' coach supported announcer early in career

stick or sticks left by the door.

Kenny Trenton, a radio broadcaster and reporter for the Moose FM in Haliburton, not only knew Humboldt Broncos coach Darcy Haugan, but was the announcer for the Broncos for three seasons.

Trenton first met the coach in October, 2005 when they were both in Peace River, Alta., close to four hours north of Edmonton. Trenton was the play-by-play announcer for the Peace River Navigators, which at the time was

"The first time I met him: a nice guy, but very, very quiet. Very quiet. A very down-to-earth kind of guy. The more and more you got to know him the more you would see his personality. He was just that kind of guy for me," he said.

It was Trenton's first broadcast job and Haugan became like a brother, supportive and helpful with advice for the rookie announcer, who had moved from the suburbs of Montreal.

Trenton remembers how little he knew about hockey when it came to calling a game. Haugan was not only supportive, but he also shared his knowledge of the game and "explained a lot of the X's and O's to me."

Trenton never forgot Haugan for that. There were times when Haugan would drive hours to visit with Trenton, always refusing any offers for dinner or anything from his friend.

Trenton never saw Haugan have an outburst or even swear. He never needed to. He was respected and what he said carried weight with his players.

He delivered his messages to this players in a calm and collected way.

The Moose FM broadcaster remembers how he challenged his players to take responsibility for a 5-4 loss



Moose FM's Kenny Trenton will never forget the Humboldt Broncos coach Darcy Haugan, who was one of 16 people killed in the Humboldt collision. Trenton said he will remember how his friend gave him help and support while Trenton was learning how to be a broadcaster. Haugan, left, is seen here with Trenton calling a game together in Grande Prairie, Alta., on Nov. 10, 2009. /Submitted by Kenny Trenton

back in 2005 against long-time rival, Fort St. John of Brit-

Several players, starting with the captain, took turns expressing how they could have done something differ-

"He did not say a word. He just sat there and listened. After that he said, 'You boys figured it out. You guys are men. You know what you have to do and let's do it,"" he

As a result, the team went on to win 13 of 14 games and eventually finish first in the league.

That's how I'll remember him the most. I've been around coaches who will yell and scream and call you every name in the book, but not this guy. Also, the thing is his faith was very important to him too. I never heard a swear word come out of his mouth ever and in the hockey world, hearing a hockey coach that doesn't swear I think is more rare than the white rhinoceros," he said.

"He was very calm, very cool, collected, very much loved his community, a very family guy, really cared about his players and basically, he was that type of guy who would sit up when he brought somebody into his program (at least back in Peace River). 'What do you want to get out of this' as opposed to 'this is how I see you fitting in this lineup.' What do you want to get out

Part of Trenton's grieving process included sharing how he felt about his friend on Facebook.

In response, Haliburton's Amanda Virtanen started a GoFundMe campaign early last week to help him to travel to the funeral service this past Saturday.

In two days, the campaign surpassed the \$1,200 goal, raising \$1,520 as of Monday.

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> — Kenny Trenton on Humboldt Broncos coach Darcy Haugan

Trenton was amazed at the generosity.

"It was a lot more than I expected - a thousand per cent more than I expected - because I just figured that it was an impossible situation for me to be able to get up there. I had just been mentioning on Facebook, posting my personal memories of Darcy and everything I knew about him and the time I spent with him. Just mentioned it was tough I couldn't be there and all of a sudden out of nowhere I find that somebody at the county level had

started a GoFundMe page on my behalf," he said.

By that time he found out about the page, a few hundred dollars had already been raised.

"It's overwhelming. Of all the places I lived no one has stepped up like that before, so that's meaningful," he

As of Thursday, April 12, Trenton has lived in the county for 11 months, making the generosity even more amazing, he said.

Trenton worked for the Humboldt Broncos as one of the broadcasters from 2006 to 2009 when the team made back-to-back trips to the Royal Bank Cup, the national junior A championships.

"It's like one of those places you always think it's that sanctuary. It's that safe zone. Sometimes it's like a team's dressing room or team's locker room and the bus is kind of the same thing. I can tell you all the many, many, many times I stepped on a bus as a play-by-play announcer in my career to think something like this could happen you always take it for granted and now to see something like this happen is obviously a tragedy," he said.

With Haugan's strong faith, Trenton wonders if there wasn't a greater power at work when it came to the amazing results of the GoFundMe campaign.

"As crazy as this may sound, I almost believe this campaign had divine intervention in a way, this GoFundMe thing. Darcy, one thing about him, he was a man of faith, very strong Christian beliefs. He goes to church every Sunday with the family. Not a preacher. He had strong beliefs in that so I almost believe," he said. "I almost believe that Darcy may have said something upstairs and that's possibly why I'm allowed to do this. At the same time, I don't only see me representing myself and my memories, but because of the people that helped me get [to go], I almost feel like I'm also going there and sharing my grief on behalf of the people of Haliburton as well. I almost get that feeling."





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Climate tops list of local environmental concerns

JENN WATT

Editor

Haliburton County is no different from the rest of the country - and the world - when it comes to pressing environmental issues; climate change is top of the list.

With Earth Day coming up on April 22, the Echo asked Carolynn Coburn, president of Environment Haliburton, what she and her colleagues at the environmental action organization thought needed to be most urgently addressed locally.

Coburn said the rapidly warming climate had the wid-

"Though it doesn't get a lot of press, alarmingly. It does have local implications because we're dealing with flooding, we're dealing with more extreme weather events, whether it's strong winds or whether it's ice storms or whether it's invasive species," she said.

As the world's climate changes, people need to both prepare for the shift in weather patterns and also work to lessen the greenhouse gases put into the atmosphere.

The David Suzuki Foundation states that "since 1900, the global average temperature has risen by 0.7°C, and the northern hemisphere is substantially warmer than at any point during the past 1,000 years."

From an individual perspective, the goal should be reducing your impact whenever possible.

"I would say, keep your money at home. Go away less often," Coburn said.

"Your ecological footprint is going to be small if you walk instead of drive. If you grow your own food. If you support local growers. If you shop from local merchants instead of driving to save a bit of money 100 miles away. I really think we need to do everything we can."

But even with a drastic decrease in carbon emissions, the climate has already begun to change, which means we need to be prepared for what that will look like.

Coburn suggested another local approach: get to know your neighbours so you can help each other in an emer-

"[The] more extreme weather events, the greater chance you might be stranded in your home far from the village. ... Get to know your near neighbours.'

Being engaged in the community and informed about local politics helps. When it comes time to vote, make sure you get out and elect the representatives willing to make decisions to preserve and improve the environment, she

"Vote when the time comes for the people who are going to save the planet," she said.

Aside from the climate, other local environmental concerns include septage disposal, reducing organic waste, landfill capacity and keeping our lakes clean.

"We [are] encouraging people to compost more. It is possible to compost in bear country if you put the right stuff in and you don't put the wrong stuff in," Coburn said.

Currently, organic waste that is thrown out with garbage is put directly into the county's landfills, taking up precious space and releasing methane gases, which contribute to climate change. Reducing the amount of organic waste and composting it at home can help.

While Environment Haliburton endeavours to keep their actions local, they do participate in larger initiatives.

"We made a presentation to the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission in January objecting to a 10-year licence for the Canadian Nuclear Laboratories to manage Chalk River," Coburn said. The group had concerns about safety measures and controls on how the site was operated.

There are several promising initiatives on the horizon for the Highlands, Coburn said, including the rural transportation initiative and the county's intent to do a feasibility study for a transit system; mandatory septic inspections being implemented in each municipality; as well as munici-

pal level climate change planning.
Environment Haliburton holds monthly Enviro-Cafe evenings featuring speakers on a range of environmental concerns with an opportunity for discussion. You can find details on these as well as other initiatives on their website: www.environmenthaliburton.org.





Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Grade 9 friends from left, Sterling Nesbitt, Grace Lippolis, Mikayala O'Neill and Macy Miscio wore jerseys like thousands of Canadians on Thursday, April 12 for Jersey Day. Started by B.C. woman Jennifer Pinch, who has been reported as saying, "We are all one team," Jersey Day was held to show solidarity with the Saskatchewan junior hockey team that lost 16 lives following the tragic bus crash. /DARREN LUM Staff

Supporting Humboldt

Students at Wilberforce Elementary School showed their support to the people of Humboldt, Sask., who are coping with the loss of 16 members of their community following a horrific bus accident on April 6. The bus was carrying a team of Humboldt Broncos hockey players and staff. Students wore jerseys or the colours of the Broncos' team: green and yellow.







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Quiet weekend for emergency services as people stay home

"How slow-moving it was led to some big amounts of ice pellets and freezing rain and snow in different parts

Coulson said the storm was still causing significant disruptions to the east of Haliburton County, mostly toward the Ottawa Valley, and in northern Ontario on Monday afternoon and was heading toward Quebec and

It was about a week ago that Coulson said it became apparent that the models were saying we were going to be at risk of an extensive period of freezing rain and ice pellets, and that meteorologists saw a storm coming that they don't see very often at all in southern Ontario, in a season that should be mild enough that precipitation would normally be rain.

"That certainly unfortunately came to pass," he said. "That's why I think this historic label that got mentioned was just, looking back over the past couple of decades, certainly in late March and maybe the first part of April we can see some snow and freezing rain in different parts of the province, but to see a storm of this size and this intensity with this much freezing rain, ice pellets and snow in southern Ontario ... this is one I haven't seen. I haven't seen this much ice pellets at one time in the 30 some-odd years I've been doing this job.'

The ice pellets that struck Toronto, Barrie and Kitchener were described by Coulson as being "unrelenting."

"Just trying to move the stuff, it's like trying to shift concrete," he said, saying cars in his area were in a "cocoon of snow and ice" that morning.

Coulson said there almost appeared to be a bit of a split in the pattern as to where the biggest numbers were.

Schools were open but buses were cancelled throughout Haliburton County on April 16, making for the county's seventh school snow day this year.

"Typically our schools are open on bus cancellation days," said Catherine Shedden of the Trillium Lakelands District School Board communication team. "Staff are required to do their best to get to their school or the closest TLDSB building to their home. There is additional time given for staff to get to a TLDSB location. However, on a day like today [April 16], if a staff member has tried and cannot make it due to unsafe road conditions near their home, they are not required to attend. This is a decision made by senior administration on the day of the inclement weather day. In this case, there are no consequences for staff who do not attend. The safety of staff and students is the primary consideration when determining whether or not to close a school. TLDSB schools are rarely closed. For instance, today we have four schools in City of Kawartha Lakes without power and without water. We are sending students and staff home from these schools.'

At press time, Hydro One had restored power to approximately 181,500 customers throughout the province since the beginning of the storm.

According to a press release issued on April 16 at noon, early damage assessment showed "a lot of tree damage and hydro poles down."

"At this point, crews are facing hazardous conditions and significant damage including broken poles, downed lines and fallen trees as a result of the weather," reads the outage notification.

"Over 350 resources including lines maintainers, foresters, support staff and technicians have been mobilized to southwestern Ontario, and more than 500 have been mobilized provincewide."

In the Minden area, two incidents resulted in 46 customers being without power.

Township and municipality staff around the county reminded residents to be patient and safe while staff was working to ensure safety on roads and sidewalks even as the snow and rain continued on April 16.

In Algonquin Highlands, the municipal office, Dorset Recreation Centre and the Stanhope airport were all closed due to the weather.

'Public Works are out making it safe for all of us," said Angie Bird, Algonquin Highlands CAO.

The Dysart fire department had a quiet weekend with only one call. "I think people heeded the warning and stayed home," said Mike Iles, fire chief.

He cautioned people to ensure their furnace vents are clear of snow and ice accumulation.

"All the steps in town are covered in ice, so we've got all the parks staff working on getting those and the medical centre sidewalks cleared up right now," said Tamara Wilbee, Dysart CAO. "We've got a few staff out of the office as their roads are bad and have cancelled a meeting, but other than that, [it's] pretty normal, just not used to this much wet packed down snow in April.

An extremely busy Minden Hills roads supervisor Travis Wilson reminded residents to be patient. "Our fleet is equipped with tire chains and our speed is cut

nearly in half with them on," he said.
In Highlands East, CAO Shannon Hunter said it was best to stay off the roads if possible. "If travel is necessary, please proceed with caution,"she said. "We would like to thank everyone for their patience as snow removal is extremely difficult this time of year ... We would like to also thank all the snowplow operators for the work that

Haliburton Highlands OPP reported two motor vehicle collisions in relation to the weather over the weekend and reminded motorists that road conditions can change rapidly and unexpectedly, asking drivers to be patient, reduce speed and drive according to conditions if it was necessary to be travelling

Businesses throughout the county were greatly affected by the storm, as customers stayed home and staff were sent home early for safety. Over the weekend and on April 16, businesses and organizations including McKecks, Haliburton Highlands Brewing, Rhu-

barb, Country Bakery, Haliburton Foodland, La Luna Del Nordo, Baked and Battered, Boshkung Brewing Co., Haliburton RPM, Minden Hills administration office, Point in Time, Todd's Independent, Castle Antiques and Kosy Korner closed early or didn't open due to inclem-

ent weather.

"A lot of our employees drive in quite a ways, so we were more concerned about the employees than anything," said Ann Gordon of Kosy Korner. Some of the Kosy Korner staff could walk to work, and did so to open at 6 a.m., but at noon, at shift-change, Gordon said it wasn't worth risking safety to stay open and closed early on April 15 and 16. One Kosy Korner waitress drives in from Bancroft.

"It's going to cost us money, that's for sure," said Gordon. "Sunday is a very busy day for us so it was tough to make that decision, but staff is more important ... we worry about those guys."

It was an unprecedented moment for the Kosy Korner. "Kosy's tradition is that we open no matter what," said Gordon. "We seldom close early. It was unusual, especially mid-day. We've never closed at noon in the seven years that I've owned it."

When asked if she was looking forward to spring, Gordon laughed.

"I saw a thing on Facebook today," she said. "[It said] 'I can't wait for summer, I hope it falls on a weekend.'
That's kind of how I'm feeling right now."

In Haliburton County, many residents hibernated throughout the weekend, posting indoor photos of comfy family get-togethers and of snow drifts online, the latter which surprised people living in areas less affected by snow outside of the county.

Throughout the area, some snowmobilers took their sleds back out of the garage to get in one last ride during what had been an otherwise lacklustre season.

Jason Casey on Harmony Road in Haliburton has been working on older sleds and took a 1969 "gem," out for a

ride because of how much snow had fallen.
"He had a blast," laughed his wife, Ashlee. "If we can't laugh through this weather, we may go insane."

Geri Woudstra's video of her mid-April snowmobiling adventure through "the old highway" on her property in Haliburton was featured on the Weather Network throughout the day on Sunday.

"I'll take any chance I can get to go out on the snowmobile," she laughed. "It was a sad season when it comes to snowmobiling, there was hardly any opportunities to get out, so ... why not? I had to dig it out, but ...

Woudstra said her husband Don's sled was, unfortunately, frozen into the ground after the rain and "wacky weather," but she was happy to get one more ride in.

"It's so beautiful right now," she said. "I know there's

a lot of people complaining, but honestly if you paused and looked out, this is beautiful. If you can get past the fact that it's April, it really is beautiful."

Woudstra was considering taking her snowshoes out on April 16, enjoying the beauty of the snowfall. "It sticks to all the trees," she said. "It's so beautiful. It's hard to be in a bad mood when you're out there. Might as well just embrace it, folks.'

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Putting pieces in place

Stuart Baker Elementary School students hold up their fingers, indicating their placings following the Trillium Lakelands District School Board Chess Championship on Friday, April 13 at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School in Haliburton. From left, Fynn Gooley (2nd) Grade 3, Hawksley Dobbins (1st) Grade 1, Campbell McCracken (1st) Grade 2, Alex Lee (2nd) Grade 1, Zebadee Jones (3rd) Grade 3, and Maxime Little (1st) Grade 3. Submitted by



JDHES Grade 7 chess player Aiden Hill ponders his next move with his peers looking on.

Trillium Lakelands District School Board Chess Championship local finishers will advance to the Canadian Chess Challenge Ontario Championships on April 22 at The Mississauga Convention Centre.

Grade 1 Hawksley Dobbins, SBES Alex Lee, SBES Grade 2 Campbell McCracken, SBES Grade 3

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JDHES Grade 4 chess player Freyja Neimann-Rowe makes a move during the Trillium Lakelands District School Board Chess Championship on Friday, April 13 at the Haliburton school. There were 168 players representing 10 schools from across central Ontario vying for a chance to advance to the Canadian Chess Challenge Ontario Championships on April 22 at The Mississauga Convention Centre. /DARREN LUM Staff



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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

Close to home

THE SAYING "think globally, act locally" is so well worn it no longer resonates the way it once did, but it's only becoming increasingly relevant as we grapple with major environmental and economic concerns.

Last week, the *Echo* featured an article about the work of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce. Among its many initiatives is promoting buying local products and services through a sustained, long-term education and marketing campaign. Its origins were the new

Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act, which raised the minimum wage to \$14 as of Jan. 1, 2018, and enhanced other measures for workers. One way to support businesses, chamber president Richard Wannan said, is to take the larger issue of new legislation and act locally by putting dollars into the local economy.

Retailers, restaurants and service providers have greater competition than ever before. Not only do shoppers leave the Highlands to spend their money in towns like Lindsay, Peterborough and Bracebridge, but they also now shop online.

The Financial Post reported in March that "Canadians are expected to spend \$39 billion a year online by 2019, accounting for about 9.5 per cent of all retail purchases.'

The same article, quoting an E-Tail Canada report, states that since 2010, there have been "double-digit percentage increases in online sales year on year."

Retaining local shoppers has a lot to do with education, Wannan says. "People need to learn to ask [local

shop staff] 'do you have this? Can you get this?" he says.

Most of the time, a local business does have the product or can order it in and match the price found elsewhere.

It's a small commitment to make, but the shopper doesn't have to lose out when deciding to shop locally and in the end, having a vibrant local economy means having a vibrant community.

The same goes for making environmental change.

As Carolynn Coburn of Environ-

ment Haliburton says in this week's story ahead of Earth Day, the best thing we can do to lessen the impact of climate change and build a stronger society is to focus our efforts on what is right in front of

Walk instead of drive. Buy your groceries in town rather than driving an hour in search of a few discounts.

Support the businesses in your community that in turn put their money back into the economy. Build a strong local network that can be counted on when times get tough.

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By focusing our love and attention on our neighbours and community, we will be much better prepared to tackle the global issues being thrown



When you least expect it

Down

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ARK KNEW many of his neighbours didn't understand why he would do it. Why would anyone want to get up early, pull on a lot of heavy clothing and then walk for 30 minutes through snow, rain, fog, wind and/or frigid temperatures? While no one ever asked him that question, he could tell by their expressions they were thinking it.

What they did not realize was that for Mark, early mornings were the best time of the day, especially for walking. When he opened the front door at 6:30 a.m., the first thing he saw, felt and smelled was the outdoors.

If it was spring, summer or early fall, the light was soft with infi-

nite variations. Perhaps a touch of pink or gold just starting to spread like syrup across the eastern sky. Even an overcast sky held the promise of better things to come. While that promise might not turn out to be true, still at 6:30 a.m. you could never be sure.

Then there was the air, fresh on his face and layered with all kinds of possibilities. Perhaps a blizzard was in the offing or a rain shower. Would the sun bake the landscape

into a steaming, sultry daze or merely freeze it stiff and hard and challenging? But at that early morning hour, no matter the season, Mark could smell the bush and lake beside it.

The road circled the lake, sometimes veering away briefly only to re-engage around another corner or over the last hill. It was wonderfully quiet and in the noisy world of machines, the quiet was a balm. But quiet wasn't silence as Mark often told Maggie. She rarely stirred when he pulled himself out of bed for his daily jaunt. But later over morning coffee, he would tell her what he had seen or heard as he made his way through the early light.

The birds were up and about, of course. Early morning was the best time to hear their chattering, fluttering voices in the trees. The loons were most vocal at night but still the odd call came across the water. Wolves were more noticeable in the winter, sometimes having taken

down a deer on the frozen lake and howling their pleasure through the still clear air.

There was a freedom to these early mornings. Mark could walk down the middle of the road if he so chose because rarely was there another vehicle, neighbour or stranger. There were no other homes for about a kilometre in either direction so, as he pointed out to Maggie, he could be stark naked on a July morning and other than the mosquitoes, most of the time no one would be the wiser.

This particular morning he was chuckling to himself at the thought of his closest neighbour cresting a hill and seeing his bare behind ahead on the road. That would be a real waker-

upper, he thought. He still had the image in his mind when he came around a bend in the road and saw the bear.

It wasn't on the road but just on the edge of the bush in a small, flat clearing. The bear was sitting, though Mark couldn't see why. Mind you he took in the scene very quickly, an element of disbelief mixed with surprise and maybe just a hint of horror.

The bear for its part seemed to reflect exactly

the same emotions, though it was hard to be certain. For a second the two animals, man and bear looked at each other in what could only be disbelief, a kind of 'you're not supposed to be here" look. Then without thinking, Mark clapped his hands loudly three times. The bear's response was like something from a comedy sketch. It froze, jumped up and ran back into the bush, disappearing almost as though it had never been there in the first place.

Mark didn't know what to do next. Continue his walk? Run home? But since the bear was long gone, he decided there was no point in aborting his favourite activity and so continued to the usual spot where he turned and started back home. He wasn't sure whether or not he'd tell Maggie about the bear as they enjoyed their morning coffee. She'd just worry. And he had no intention of stopping his walks.

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points of view

Surviving the ice age

N CASE YOU haven't noticed, we have recently entered the sixth major ice age in the history of our planet. If all goes well, it will last until Wednesday. This is not all bad.

The optimist in me says your standard ice age adds a bit of flair to the stories we will be able to inflict upon our grandchildren. As in, "You kids have it so easy today. Back in the sixth ice age, we had to chip our way with a chisel and mallet through four miles of glacier just to hunt a mastodon for the clan. Back then the season was very short and they hardly ever gave out cow licences'

Don't worry, there's more.

steve

galea

An ice age also happens to be fantastic if you are selling an ice auger extension and trying to get top dollar. It's also not too bad if you are making the case for a bigger rifle to hunt mastodons and cave bears with.

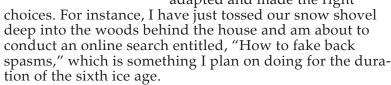
Other than that, nobody has any use for an ice age. Having said all this, I realize there are some among you who are thinking that it's probably wishful thinking or

even gross exaggeration to refer to something that lasts for less than a week as an age, especially since the last ice age is said to have lasted for 9,500 years.

To which I say two things. First, they don't make things like they used to. Second, we live in a society with a very short attention span.

Plus, this weather could conceivably last till Friday.

Not to be alarmist, but those of us who will survive this ice age will only do so because we adapted and made the right



I know this is severe, but it is the kind of thing you need to do in order to survive an ice age. Also, it doesn't hurt if you domesticate any wolf that hangs out on the edge of your campfire. Then you can train them to maul the person who is about to yell out, "Hey! I just found the missing snow shovel!'

As you can see, I have done some serious research on the matter – which basically means I watched YouTube excerpts from the animated movie *Ice Age*.

Here is just some of what I learned.

First, if this keeps up past Tuesday, we might as well all start planning a mass southern migration. Luckily, this shouldn't even be difficult since everyone in the U.S. seems to be focusing on their southern border.

Here's a word of caution though. If you do begin a southward migration, walk – don't drive – once you get to Toronto. If the news from this weekend is any indication, it's not very safe to drive there.

Also, know that should this ice age continue past Thursday, a fur coat will definitely come in handy. Don't worry; it will be too cold for protesters.

Oh sure, you could ignore all my dire warnings and just wait it out until early next week – which is what I plan on doing because of my horrible back spasms. But just remember that any ice age brings with it very scary things like sabre-toothed tigers, cave bears, frigid cold and Facebook posts of people building snowmen or making snow

Worse still, there are many old tales that tell of a strange, lumbering bipedal beast that roams the north woods wreaking havoc. This mythical creature frightens anyone he comes in contact with – but only if he gets near the spot where the snow shovel landed.



pic of the past

The Haliburton Continuation School Grade 11, 1948 - 1949 Back row: Len Salvatori, Carl Woodcock, Bob Bishop, Bob Finlay, Tom Hodgson. Front row: Evelyn Hie, Phyllis Chambers, Hilda Clark, Bessie Lee, Elaine Heron, Gwen Johnson, Barbara Watson, Bonnie Lee.

This photo shows how small our classes were in 1949. And yet in 1941 the public school was so over crowded that the board sent our Grade 4 class to Miss Williams at the high school. She already taught most of the English up to Grade 12.

It was rather like testing the new teacher and how she could handle a difficult situation and so much work.

Move forward to 2000, Len Salvatori and Hilda Clark came up with the idea of a reunion for our generation. Being really "nice" kids we decided to write to Miss Williams and tell her how much we liked her classes. Now it was her turn to reply.

She wrote to say that six of us from the photo were in the 1941 Grade 4 class: R. Bishop, T. Hodgson, P. Chambers?, E. Heron, G. Johnson, B. Lee.

Now, for the interesting content of her correspondence. She remembered all our names and thanked us warmly for our notes to her. She loved the blossoms on the plum trees which were planted there by the hotel named Koo-shog (1921-25) which burned down in

What else remained after the fire? I remember the tennis court, the hotel pump house, and the stone steps that connected the hotel with Head Lake, and the remains of the hotel dock. I also know that the Eagle Lake highway was not built at that time.

Finally, the reunions of 2000, 2002 and 2003 reminded us of shared memories which led to lifelong friendships. Submitted by Tom Hodgson

letters to the editor

Columns angler approved

To the Editor,

I visit Haliburton infrequently, but when I do, I always read the Echo articles and columnists.

Your two issues in March 13 and 20 hit the nail on the head for me when I read Steve Galea's col-

I am a fly fisher and use reading glasses so his columns on those two dates were both relevant

Congrats on a lively and entertaining paper.

Jack Bramm

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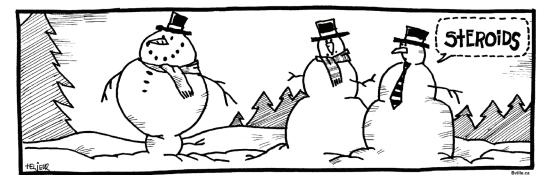
To the Editor,

Can certainly tell this is an election year especially in Ward 3 Highlands East and now our Ward 3 councillor is being so concerned about a proposal as outlined in the Echo last week.

"This council will need to choose between part of a service being proposed by Bancroft Community Transit (BCT) or by Haliburton County." Our councillor seems so concerned about the people in

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Ward 3 should be considered year-round

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his ward, a completely different attitude when it came to council's decision to close our post office and his agreement to support council's decision. Now all of a sudden he states he would have to go against his colleagues; something he could have done pertaining to the closure of our post office. Of course, I can see why Wilberforce, Cardiff and Harcourt would look very favourably in this BCT service, which benefits that portion of people in the direct area, however, there was no mention as to any benefits being provided to those in Gooderham Ward 3.

There seems to be a lack of consideration pertaining to the negative impact this service has for Ward 3. Our councillor is correct in one aspect in so much as our people deal with services and retailers in Haliburton and Minden and yet it seems as if the only time Ward 3 is considered at all is when tax dollar time is upon us of which our ward pays a substantial amount.

Gwen Coish, director of BCT operations in co-operation with Highlands East council, and Haliburton County council could put forth a comprehensive operational plan proposal outlining a cohesive and equitable document benefiting all people in Haliburton County, not just a select few in one area of Highlands East. I am sure provincial cohorts would come on side if such a comprehensive operational plan was undertaken when it comes to the gas tax funding and avoiding "double dipping" of which I question. Let's reach out to other municipalities and cities securing some expertise. My personal opinion is to avoid consultants and acquire assistance from those who had a similar situation yet reached a plan that works very well or in the process of adopting a service for all.

> **Beverly MacDuff** Gooderham



Math students advance to provincials

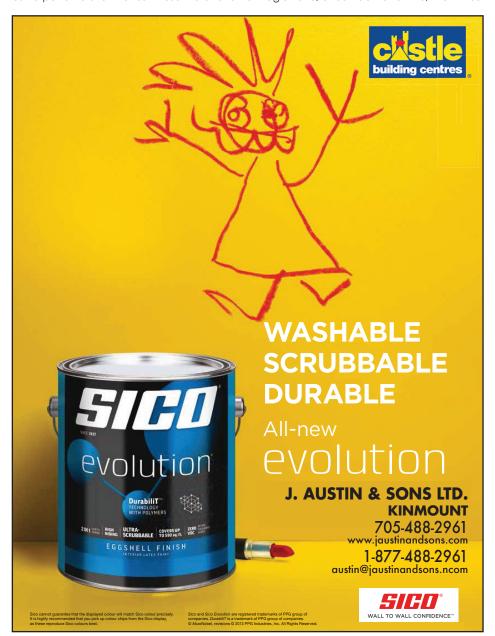
J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School's math olympics team of Matthew Wilson, left, Emmerson Wilson, Molly Devolin and Jackson Wilson won the annual Trillium Lakelands District School Board Intermediate Math Olympics regional event on April 3. The math competition included challenges, solved individually and in pairs, which included coding and a team relay. The field of competition included 72 students on 18 teams from 16 schools. With the win, this team advances and will compete against Grade 7 and 8 $\,$ students from across Ontario at the Provincial Math Olympiad on June 9 at Sheridan College in Oakville. JDHES also had the team of Corin Gervais, Emma Miller, Campbell Smith and Evan Armstrong. Submitted by Mike Gervais.



Ralph Burchert sent in this photo of a big tom. "His girlfriend was resting behind the big log as he put on a show for us. These were taken at Eagle Lake, Sir Sams Ski and Bike," he writes.









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Volunteer Week is April 15 to 21. The Haliburton Highlands is fortunate to have many hundreds (if not thousands) of volunteers rolling up their sleeves and doing the difficult work of making the community shine.

Hike Haliburton

The county's fall hiking festival, Hike Haliburton, involves more than 100 volunteers who do everything from running the Big Picnic to creating and guiding

"We pride ourselves on the magnitude of this festival, and it continues to grow as the biggest hiking festival in Canada, but it would not at all be possible with-out the interest and dedication of our volunteers," says Emily Stonehouse.

"Last year was my first year in the role of volunteer co-ordinator, and organizing almost 100 hikes that appeal to thousands of people from all over the map seems like a daunting task, but the volunteers made it happen. ... They truly make Haliburton a better place for everyone."

Canoe FM

More than 130 volunteers keep Canoe FM on the air throughout the year, hosting programs, fundraising, marketing, working the front office and as members of the board.

"We sometimes forget the scope of what the volunteers provide to our community, but with only 2.5 staff at Canoe women who bring community radio into your homes - without the volunteers there wouldn't be a community radio station in our community," says Roxanne

Casey, station manager.
"Canoe FM would like to thank each and every one of the volunteers who give of their time to provide community radio to Haliburton County – you're fabulous, we couldn't do it without you," she says.

Volunteer Dental **Outreach Clinic**

The Volunteer Dental Outreach Clinic is able to provide free dental service to adults in need in Haliburton County thanks to dental professionals such as dentists, dental assistants, dental hygienists, as well as administrators and a board of directors who make it all happen. Aside from doing the dental work, volunteers also do fundraising including running a golf tournament and decorating Smile cookies. In addition, this year 34 fourth-year stu-

dents from the University of Toronto's Faculty of Dentistry came to the clinic to learn about practicing in a clinic and gave patients excellent care.

Since opening in May of 2011, the clinic has provided \$2,315,969 in free dental care in 6,520 appointments.

Volunteering their skills has been life changing for the 787 individual patients who have attended the clinic and none of it could take place without their generously giving of their time," board member Lisa Kerr says.

"The message I would like to share with our volunteers came from a grateful

patient who sent a testimonial about his . VDO experience just last week. He finished his note by saying 'I can never thank them enough, keep up the good work, you are true heroes of the community," she says.

Bark Lake Cultural Developments

Bark Lake Cultural Developments has a board of six volunteers with more than 20 others that assist at events, helping

with fundraising, painting the Irondale church, gardening, cutting the grass and other tasks.

Because of this assistance, Bark Lake Cultural Developments has raised awareness about the Irondale area and has raised the money needed to pay

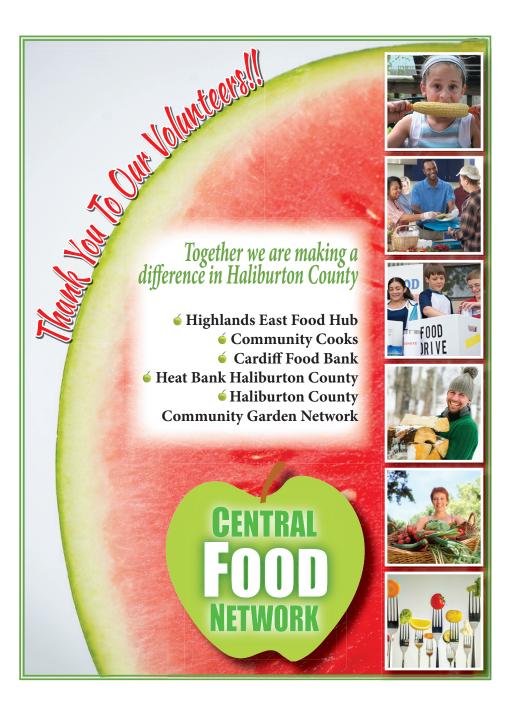
"We couldn't do it without you," says Carol Simmons, president.

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Rebecca Krawczyk, a professional ecologist, led the Bedrock Botanicals hike at the Frost Centre as part of Hike Haliburton last year. /File photo by Jenn Watt









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Haliburton Curling Club

Many of the events that happen throughout the year at the Haliburton Curling Club are made possible because of volunteers. With more than 250 members from ages eight to 88, Wanda Stephen says at some point each of them contributes to further the success of the club and its events.

The Haliburton Home and Cottage Show is run by the curling club and "takes no less than 140 volunteers," she says.

Volunteers fill a range of roles including on the board of directors, as part of the "Ice Team" helping the ice technician, running the bar, coaching youth curling and Learn to Curl, draw masters running leagues and bon-

"And yet there are still a million jobs that seem to crop up all year, and it's so wonderful to belong to a club where you never have to worry that someone will not step up and take on that task," Stephen says.

"The executive team at the Haliburton Curling Club would love to express their immense thanks to all of our members who work so hard to make the club their own and in the thick of that, make it such a huge success. We are eternally grateful to have attracted such a passionate group of people under our roof."

Community Living Trent Highlands

Community Living Trent Highlands has six volunteers in Haliburton, six in City of Kawartha Lakes and nine in Peterborough.

They help with one-on-one activities, transportation, life skills training, office assistance, community programs, horseback riding, fishing, teaching sign and braille and the Blue Box program at Trent University.

Individuals are better able to reach their goals with the help of volunteers, says Sharon Coupland, manager of human resources. She says it "gives people a better sense of independence and accomplishment when new skills are learned and used.'

Lisa Corp, outcomes facilitator, says the volunteers

bring new ideas and energy to the organization.
"Volunteers are a valued member of the Community Living team and there are many aspects of the work we do and the lives of people supported that are enhanced and touched by our volunteers," says Coupland.

'You may consider your acts of kindness as small, but know the impact they have and will have are huge," says Corp.







Left, Heather Reid, Irene Heaven, Bonnie Roe and Jeanette Angus help make hot sauce for the Heat Bank using the Abbey Gardens kitchen. /Photo courtesy of Tina Jackson

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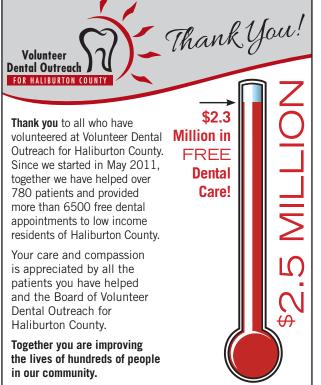
The County of Haliburton has hundreds of volunteers. The roads department has about 125 volunteers who clean up garbage from roadsides through Adopt-a-Road; the tourism department receives help from about 100 volunteers with Hike Haliburton (page 10); there are volunteers with the rural transportation task force and various committees.

"These volunteers bring energy, expertise, and insight into the needs of our community. Their involvement makes us more effective in developing services that meet the needs of the people we serve," says CAO Mike Rutter.

"I often say the best ideas don't come from our municipal offices or the county building, but from 'Main Street.' Quite frankly, we could not function without them. Some programs like Adopt-a-Road and Hike Haliburton would not exist without them, nor would our programs be as effective. In all cases, they challenge us to be better at what we do, and that is a good thing for everyone."

Abbey Gardens

You can find volunteers everywhere you look at Abbey Gardens, whether it's in the Food Hub, working the gardens, tending to the ponies, at children's programs or at the organization's events and festivals.



This ad has been purchased personally by VDO Board Members

About 40 volunteers help get things done at Abbey Gardens, says Cara Steele.

Volunteers contribute to every part of our organization and have allowed us to grow exponentially. They provide a link to our community that is so important to the work we do," she says.

Time is precious and choosing to spend your time with us is something we don't take for granted. We love the enthusiasm and knowledge that our volunteers bring to Abbey Gardens."

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Friends of Haliburton County Public Library hosted their book sale on the front lawn of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre and Minden branch of the library last year. Volunteers at FOL ensure dollars continue coming in to help fund enhancements at the library. /File photo by Jenn

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Heat Bank Haliburton County

At the Haliburton County Heat Bank, a core group of about 10 volunteers help by delivering wood, picking up donations, co-ordinating the wood depots and

helping with fundraisers. About 60 supporters come out once or twice a year for splitting and stacking wood and in making hot sauce, which they sell.

The Heat Bank's co-ordinator Tina Jackson says the volunteers allow the organization to supply those in need with funds for fuel and electricity and with wood to burn.

"Our volunteers literally are sometimes the only thing standing between a household in crisis and -30 degree cold weather," she says.

'Our message is: You are the Heat Heroes of our organization and our community. The tireless work and efforts that you put into helping Heat Bank means everything to us and even more to the people that turn to us. Thanks for standing together with us – we can't thank you enough!"

Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Aid Society

The Children's Aid Society has about 65 volunteers who work as mentors and as drivers. Drivers take clients to appointments and to family visiting, which is particularly important for those in rural areas. Mentors are matched with children, youth or families to spend time weekly or biweekly.

"The time that volunteer mentors share with the child/youth or family offers that connection to someone just for them, to spend special time in a supportive, nonjudgmental way and being a positive role model," says Jennifer Wilson, executive director.

"KHCAS volunteers are truly amazing! The service that our volunteers provide, with such dedication and commitment, assists us in working for safe kids and strong families in our community," says Tania Nanni, volunteer co-ordina-

"The motivation to volunteer comes from within. Volunteers surround children with caring, compassion and support. They epitomize the true sense of community," says Wilson.

Friends of the Library

Volunteers support the Haliburton County Public Library through the Friends of the Library organization. About 60 volunteers helped raise money

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to improve the eight branches included in the system. Membership of FOL is at

The volunteers run the annual gala, run monthly meetings, create book baskets to sell, organize book sales, sort donated books and decorate libraries for special occasions, among other things.

Lunch and Learn speakers and the gala author also volunteer their time.

"From the perspective of HCPL, the library receives many enhancements through the volunteer efforts of the Friends of HCPL. These include special book collections such as the Evergreen titles and large print, Early Literacy Computers for children, and additional equipment and supplies for our digital literacy programming and our Commu-nity of Making efforts," says Elly Malcomson of FOL.

'Volunteers are worth their weight in gold. They share their time and talents without any compensation. They can choose to stay or walk away at any time. They are critical to the success of any organization."

Haliburton Highlands Health Services

There are more volunteers at Haliburton Highlands Health Services than there are staff, approximately 350 of them. They help with Meals on Wheels, friendly visiting, Diners' Club, social recreation activities, transportation to medical appointments. They are at the long-term care facilities, making residents' lives better and fundraising through the auxiliaries and the HHHS Foundation.

"The work that volunteers do in community programs assists members in our community to remain independent and engaged in their community. Some of these programs are entirely volunteer based and wouldn't exist without our volunteers," says Brigitte Gebauer, coordinator of volunteer servicves.

At the long-term care home, volunteers put "smiles on the residents' faces" as they assist with music, special events and other programming.

"Volunteers are an integral part of our organization. The impact of the endless hours we receive from our volunteer coworkers is immeasurable both to the organization as a whole but primarily to the people we serve. We want to offer our heartfelt thank you to all the HHHS volunteers for what they do to support our organization, health care in the Haliburton Highlands and the community we serve," she says.

Central Food Network

John Teljeur estimates more than 100 volunteers help to provide the programs run by the Central Food Network, which includes the Heat Bank, the Highlands East Food Hub, Cardiff Food Bank, Community Cooks and Community Garden Network.

"The tasks are as diverse as the programs we offer. These include but are not limited to cutting, splitting, stacking and delivering wood on behalf of heat insecure clients; sorting, stocking and providing food to those needing assistance. They are also active in growing food for others, organizing food drives or prepar-

ing hot meals for others," Teljeur says.
Without the volunteers pitching in, CFN would just be "an organization that has a good idea," he says.
"Our volunteers' contribution makes a

positive and daily impact on the lives of so many that have so little in our community. Not only do they provide the essentials to those in need, they are the ambassadors of hope, opportunity and change. That load of wood or box of food that is provided allows that senior or family a chance to return to a sense of normalcy and a reprieve from the pressures of poverty many of us have never experienced. Together, we are making a difference."





In appreciation to all of our volunteers for helping people achieve their personal goals and becoming part of an inclusive community.

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Fair an introduction to volunteer opportunities, new technology

Editor

Those looking to broaden their horizons and try something new need to mark Friday, May 4 on their calendar for Volunteer Recruitment and Try It Again Fair - previously two events, which have come together this year.

From 3:30 to 7 p.m., participants are invited to come to the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Athletic Complex to try new activities and meet with local organizations seeking volunteers.

"It is an awesome opportunity for those who have thought about volunteering but don't know where to start or if someone is new to the Highlands and wants to get involved in the community," said Brigitte Gebauer, co-ordinator of volunteer services at Haliburton Highlands Health Services.

Ă long list of community organizations have already signed up for booths at the fair, including Abbey Gardens, Haliburton Highlands Museum, Rails End Gallery, Čanoe FM, Haliburton Highlands Health Services, Haliburton Highlands Outdoor Association, and the municipalities of Algonquin Highlands, Dysart and Minden Hills among others.

"Because we are partnered with the Try It Fair this year, it becomes far more

than a volunteer fair," said Gebauer.
"You can explore all sorts of interesting businesses, organizations and entrepreneurs who are offering experiential displays where you can try things out, see interesting demonstrations on how things are made. The Try It Fair is part of the larger maker movement that has swept the globe in the last decade and serves to introduce folks to equipment and services offered by the Community of Making."

The fair will also include the Lions Club offering vision and hearing screening as well as diabetes awareness and a by-donation café.

Benefits of volunteering include meeting new people, developing skills, building a resume and providing an introduction to possible career direc-

'Volunteering gives you a chance to learn more about a career area before you make a commitment," Gebauer

"Volunteering can provide you with skills, experience, contacts and opportunities. It can also provide an enormous amount of satisfaction and accomplishment and a lot of fun! You've got nothing to lose and everything to gain!"

Gebauer also pointed out that volunteering can boost mood and self-esteem and that for those who are older adults, it helps them remain active and connected to the community.



With Laura Trach of Orange Cat Studio looking on, student Rachael Reddering tries her hand at hemming at the last Try It Fair. The next fair is May 4 at the high school. /File photo

"Studies have found that older adults who volunteer have reduced stressrelated illnesses and higher self-esteem and are less likely to feel isolated," she

"Volunteering can also have a positive impact on lifestyle transitions in older adults as they retire, downsize their housing or deal with health



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Maybelle in Mexico

EXICO, REALLY?" That's what I said to **▲**Vilma Yuccch who was prancing around my living room with castanets in her hands, clacking them like the flamenco dancer she was dreaming of being.
"Yes, Maybelle, Mexico," she said.

Maybelle's

'Senoritas, senoras ...

"And plain old shrive-ling SENIORS, like me. Why I'd dry up in the sun like a raisin before you could say: Hasta la vista, Maybellina!"

"Maybelle, you know French?"

Vilma may be a pretty blonde, but she's definitely not the sharpest cheddar on the plate.

"Puerto Morelos, Mexico," she said, "where Ester and Lester Fester go in the winter.

I remembered it immediately. How could I forget? The Festers, owners of our local Lake WhaddayathinkImean Steak House and Haberdashery, insist on showing us hours and hours and days and weeks of videos they take every time they come back from their winter stay in the colourful fishing village 20 minutes south of Cancun.

"But, Vilma," I said. "What about your sweetie, Officer McB? Wouldn't he want to go with you?"

"Oh no, Maybelle," she said, rolling her baby blues. "Stanley gets a nose-bleed south of Lindsay. He stays in his own back yard. C'mon, Maybelle. We

girls can have fun."

I sure liked the "girls," part. Why if young spunky Vilma could imagine having a fiesta of a time with 'ol Maybelle, just thinking about it made my wrinkles fade.

"Alrighty, then," I said."Let's do it!" And before you could say, Adios

amigos! ... the Airbnb that Ester and Fester recommended was secured, pesos ordered and bought at the bank, summer shorts and tops washed, sandals repaired, SPF 50 sunblock purchased, and one probiotic capsule taken every morning for three weeks prior to going, to help keep Montezuma's revenge retired and sleeping.

Now, you'd think that Mexico would be a much longer flight from Ontari-

ari-o, but it was only three-and-a-half hours. So, we had a full day to explore once we arrived in Puerto Morelos after taking a "colectivo" (shared air conditioned mini-van, mucho cheap) that took us from the Cancun airport to the village.

Our Airbnb was purrfect! We especially liked the blue hammock on the balcony just off of the living room, and the two on the thatched roof deck. Air conditioning and ceiling fans plus a fully equipped kitchen sure made us happy. Yes, "the girls" were in heaven. And, after changing into bathing suits (yes, 'ol Maybelle still wears one,

don'tcha know, even though it covers my whole body), we were on our way to the beach, just one block away.

Oh, the coconut palm trees that swayed in the tropical breeze ... and the black songbird whose strong clear vocal ended in a curl of notes every time, made me smile morning to night.

The white sand was so fine it felt like flour. No stones, no sea shells. Not in this part of the Mayan Riviera.

Beach bars and restaurants dotted the long stretch of beach where lounge chairs shaded by palapas (Mexican thatched umbrellas) were available for \$3 to \$5 for the whole day. And, if we didn't keep meeting folks from Canada. One ol' gal from Nova Scotia told us she'd been spending winters there for 10 years. And, if she didn't luck out with an el cheapo accommodation that allowed for her pension to cover it.

Walking to the village was interesting and fun as we'd pass brightly painted pink and turquoise houses; then, a teeny fruit store where a young man made fresh orange juice and sold it by the jug for less than \$2. And another humble open-air store that only made fresh corn tortillas for a

Then there were the chotchkie stores that sold vibrantly coloured handpainted dishes and wall ornaments, hats, T-shirts, water toys and more.

And, oh if Vilma didn't get her wish. An amazing female flamenco dancer performed all of two feet from our outdoor table at Los Gauchos, a wonderful Argentinian restaurant. And, may I add, in the midst of comic chaos. You see, the city hadn't told the local business owners that they were going to tear up the streets surrounding the village square that day. So, those who had planned on seeing the dancer that night showed up, not caring (as it turned out) that they sat at tables on the dirt street as workers laid pipe right behind them. Oh yes, the music continued, the flamenco dancer gave it her all, patrons at tables in the street buzzed and beamed and Vilma and I sat in blissful awe of how different, joyful, and flexibly accepting the chaos turned out to be.

In fact, every evening street performers showed up like magic just feet away from where we were sitting in another open-air restaurant. Why, if we didn't see a break dancer spin on his head so long, Vilma thought he was going to screw himself into the ground. And all of these performers, including those in the local version of Cirque de Soleil who performed in the village square one evening, did so for the love of it, putting a hat out for donations.

Why, if that wasn't just three weeks ago and here we are back in Lake WhaddayathinkImean up to our eyeballs in snow! But, oh, just thinking about the sweetness of the place, the lovely local Mexicans and foreigners, the sunshine, swaying palms, sky blue water, Mexican music, and the black songbird who always made ol' Maybelle smile. Am I feeling grateful? You bet I am.

Maybelle's Fireside Stories is written by Jerelyn Craden. Jerelyn's novel, Vessie Flamingo Outshining the Moon, is available at amazon.com.





Haliburton rinks shine at provincials

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

When you return home from a provincial competition with four top-six finishes out of 72 teams there is cause for celebration for everyone involved.

The Jaguars curling teams, who curl out of the Haliburton Curling Club, captured first, second, fourth and sixth at the 31st annual Provincial Elementary School Curling Championships from April 5 to 8 in Carleton Place.

These championships included elementary school aged students (up to Grade 8) all over Ontario.

The team of Jonah Aldom, skip, Nathanial Boore, vice, and Taylor Consack, lead, finished with the championship title over the Jaguars rink of Savannah Byers, skip, Hannah Lewis, vice, Jocelyn Chumbley, second, and Abi Lewis. Fourth place was won by the rink led by Owen Nicholls, skip, Hendrick Haase, vice, Izzy hill, second, and Kara Chumbley, lead. Sixth place was won by the rink led by Logan Malette, skip, Corin Gervais, vice, Aiden Hill, second, and Levi Aldom, lead.

Hugh Nichols, one of the team's coaches, couldn't have been prouder of all the curlers, who finished with an impressive 20-4 record, which includes two losses between Jaguars rinks.

As far as the club goes, he said, these results are unprecedented.

What an accomplishment for a small town to send four teams ... first to have three teams in the A semi-finals out of 72 teams. I don't think that has ever happened, but if it did it's not going to happen for our club for a while," he said.

He adds it was a difficult championship since one of the two Jaguars rinks had to lose.

"The skip of the winning team said, 'I was happy we won, but at the same time I felt sorry for her.'"

However the championship final wasn't without drama, as the title was decided on the last shot.

Byers had the hammer and didn't make the shot.

"She had to draw to the four foot [circle] to tie and she was heavy. It was wonderful played game. I couldn't be



From left, J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School's rink of Nathanial Boore, vice, Taylor Consack, lead, and Jonah Aldom, skip won it all, taking the top spot among 72 school teams at the Pinty's Provincial Elementary School Curling Championship from April 5 to 8 at the Carleton Place Curling Club. The rink's success was rooted in the support they have received by the Haliburton Curling Club, which has provided coaching and ice time. Submitted by Linda



From left, J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School's rink of Hendrick Haase, vice, Owen Nicholls, skip, Izzy Hill, second, and Kara Chumbley, lead, finished fourth. Submitted by

prouder of the kids. We can't be prouder of the kids," he said.

The final score was 6-4 for Aldom.

These amazing results are not an overnight success story for these curlers, who were coached by Nichols and Terry Lawrence.

"We have a lot of people to thank. It's not me. It goes back. Bob MacNaull started this eight years ago. The



From left, J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School's rink of Hannah Lewis, vice, Jocelyn Chumbley, second, Abi Lewis, lead, Savannah Byers, skip, (and Dan Byers coach) finished second out of 72 school teams. Submitted by Linda Boore



From left, J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School's rink of (coach Matt Aldom) Logan Malette, skip, Levi Aldom, lead, Àiden Hill, second, and Corin Gervais, vice, finished sixth. Submitted by Linda Boore.

curling club has been extremely supportive, giving us available ice time and we have an amazing group of volunteers, who help coach," he said.

There are 32 children, he said, in the elementary school curling program at the club this past year. It's held Tuesday and Thursday nights from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Children not only learned to play the game because of that program, but also received guidance and developed their skills to progress to a level of sophistication that was showcased at this provincial event. One of the unique features of the club is allowing youth curlers to compete in leagues, Nichols said. Conventionally, clubs don't allow this, he added.

Eight curlers are in Grade 8 and will be moving out of the elementary ranks, but Nichols is confident there will be curlers to step forward.

There are three things the club regularly remind their young curlers to do: have fun, believe in yourself and believe in your teammates.

'You gotta have fun. If you're not having fun then why are you playing this game. Two, believe in yourself.

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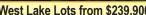
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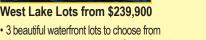
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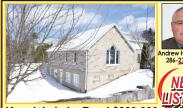


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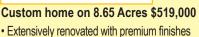
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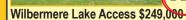






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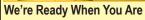
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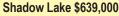
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Sr Hawks send seven to Kawartha

The senior Red Hawks badminton team travelled to Peterborough for their second tournament of the season on Thursday, April 12. The team competed well and had a lot of fun. Qualifying for next week's Kawartha tournament on Tuesday, April 17 in Haliburton are: Natalya Gimon, 4th ladies' singles; Dakota MacDonald and Denver Allore, 4th mixed doubles; Emily Klose and Zac Shantz, 3rd mixed doubles; Ben Schmidt and Owen Patterson-Smith,1st men's doubles. Submitted by Judi Paul



Supporting seniors' recreation

Bank of Montreal branch manager Richard Wannan, left, officially announced last week in front of the Highland Street location the bank's sponsorship of the local senior athletes, who will represent the OSGA (Ontario Senior Games Association) 55 plus Haliburton/Muskoká district 11 this year. The presentation included district 11 coordinator John Kerr, wearing the district's T-shirts purchased with the support of the Haliburton bank. /DARREN LUM Staff

Growing pains for cross—ice hockey implementation in Highlands

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Everyone agrees on the intended goals of cross-ice hockey: to help beginners learn to appreciate and play the game. However, there is some debate around how to implement the new approach, outlined and enforced by the Ontario Minor Hockey Association and Hockey Canada, who it applies to and when.

This past year the Highland Storm Minor Hockey Association implemented cross-ice hockey, which is when children use part of the rink, the width or half the ice from the boards to centre ice.

Scott Neilson, the coach of the tyke AE team, worked with the new format and said he agrees with the concept for children up to six years old, who are starting out in hockey.

"They can learn a little more skill instead of full ice [when] a kid is just skating from one end to another and scoring goals, right? That's a huge difference when you're at a real young age, but if they're a six-year-old that's a stronger hockey player, or a seven-year-old, I'm a firm believer [in] playing real hockey, fullice hockey, learning the game," he said. "This year we played half-ice hockey. Well, the kids, you know, we're trying to get them to line-up, but we had no face-offs to line up [with]. They don't know offsides. They don't know icing. There's really no refs. There's no face-offs. It's glorified shinny."

Neilson disagreed with the way it was implemented this past season. Mainly with how some players had already started with full ice and had to learn again, working with the smaller space. He

thinks it would have been better if they started with the players who had little to no experience with full ice.

He felt his six-year-old son Henry was held back and lost a year of hockey because of Hockey Canada's decision. Henry had already played full-ice hockey at five and then had to play half-ice.

Prior to the decision for cross-ice hockey, his son made the cut for the tyke A rep team, but was not of age to play full ice, according to the new rule. Neilson didn't have an explanation when his distraught son asked how this could happen.

Added to the complication was how players like Henry would be at a disadvantage in competitive play. Specifically, his select team based out of Quinte will be competing against players from the Greater Toronto Hockey League, who were exempt from cross-ice hockey.

"Eighty per cent of those kids haven't played full ice so they're going to go down to Toronto ... and play kids that have played full ice for two years. I know they're young, but you're already a step behind," he said.

He acknowledges the necessity to scale down an Olympic size rink for children, but when it comes to Haliburton and Minden rinks, the playing area is smaller. He said children will learn to skate better with space instead of being crowded into a small area. The best way for half-ice was three-on-three. This often changed according to the venue and the host though so when it was five-on-five it didn't work.

In smaller centres, he remembers, there were some teams they played that were not capable (many could not skate) and were easily dominated to the tune of 25-0. There was also a financial cost to implement this program, which required rink dividers covered by the generosity of Hal- in the beginning there weren't any dividiburton's Matt Duchene, an NHL centre with the Ottawa Senators. The 16 blocks required to segregate the rink cost close to \$2,500 each. The association needed to buy two sets of eight, one for the A.J. LaRue Arena and one for the S.G. Nesbitt

Hockey Canada made a major decision to allow players like Henry to play full ice with other players – moving up one year. Neilson expects with this change there will be enough players for a novice house league team.

One of Neilson's players, Neil Mihlik (soon to turn eight), played his second season of ice hockey, splitting between goal and playing out for the Storm's tyke AE travel team.

Neil's mother Lisa Barry said she and her husband appreciated the half-ice hockey for how it allowed her son to be able to stay with the play this season and get to handle the puck more.
"I think part of the reason he got inter-

ested in playing out, as they call it, was because he could get to the puck," she

During her son's first season he played full ice. The difference in the players' development was noticeable to her.

"All of the kids that were strong hockey players controlled the puck because they could get across the ice," she said, referring to their stronger skating. "I was kind of skeptical when we started this whole half-ice thing. As I got watching it ... I was, 'Wow, all of the kids have more of an opportunity on technically the 'full ice' because you know they're only playing

Her skepticism, she said, came from uncertainty about how the game was going to be contained to the half ice since

ers. Also, the score was not kept (even if the kids kept track), she said.

"I noticed huge, huge, huge advancements in all the team. I don't know if that would have happened on a full ice," she

"Overall, the kids get skating ability, they get stick-handling and they get the concept of the game – off defence. Where before it was like who can get the fastest to the puck. They're all just chasing the length of the ice. One of them wacks it to the end of the arena. I would say they're touching the puck twice as much," she

She's uncertain about how her son will do with next season when he has to play the full ice surface again.

"If I had my way I'd love for him to have one more year at half ice," she said.

Ontario Minor Hockey Association president Ian Taylor said associations for the most part have been accepting. However, there will be a learning curve and an education for everyone, particularly from parents who believe in playing "real

"Overall, the comment we often hear is real hockey and what does that mean? Change (this is Canada) is not always easy, but I think overall we're getting good traction here and I think across the country as well," he said.

Taylor added every young player can benefit from the smaller ice surface.

The kids are smaller, therefore the space they are playing in should also be scaled that way. The same way they ride smaller bikes or in school use smaller desks and chairs, it's appropriate to their size. So for the better player, I suggest

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their challenge is operating without open space, meaning the player who's able to pull the puck out of the group and gets outside and is gone, simply, kids can't catch them. That might work in the short term, but it's not going to be something to do in the long term. At some point they're going to be dealing with smaller areas," he said.

Working in a smaller area can benefit the better-than-average player, challenging them to skate with greater precision and improve the development of stickhandling.

The idea of this isn't completely new. For close to 30 years, players eight and under played initiation hockey, which included practices with stations and games held in a smaller area.

Now Hockey Canada has applied this to include all players of a certain age to have this experience for consistency. The enforcement of cross-ice hockey started this past year for six-year-olds and the next season it will be half-ice for sevenyear-olds.

During 2019-2020, the full mandate will be implemented to include novice hockey players to play half-ice until Jan. 15 with a transition to full-ice.

When asked about extending the scaled down ice for players older than novice, Taylor said he's heard a community in British Columbia has decided do it with players up to 10 years old. This concept has been used in Europe already, he said, citing Sweden and Finland.

There is enough work to do with the current changes, but the implementation of this transition has led to discussion about what can be done differently for players at nine and 10.

The main feedback from associations was the acknowledgement of the players' calibre when determining things.

"One thing we've recognized is we've got to group like players with like players. In bigger centres that might be easier to do. In smaller centres that might be more of a challenge so again that will be a situation whether associations do all their programming in-house or whether they might combine with some other centres and to ensure like-skill players are playing against like-skill players," he said.

Hockey Canada he said there will be a study performed in evaluating the results of the new concept across the country. The OMHA will also work with Hockey Canada. Information will be gathered from observation of games including video recordings to assess shots, passes and puck touches. Taylor said research is still in early stages and he didn't know the specifics of the information gathering.

Taylor said the effort to make changes improves the game.

There'll always be naysayers with anything, but hopefully what we'll see overall is ... engagement is such an important thing. Kids are involved. They're touching the puck. They're having fun. They're going to want to keep playing. That's one of the real key factors with this program. Not only from the skill development side, but purely from the engagement side and keeping kids coming back," he said.

Taylor said this programming is also about the vitality of the game.

"Our history would say you live in Canada, you play hockey, but there's lot of options for kids and if they're having fun and enjoying it and getting better, well, there is a better chance they'll stick with

Three important points for curling

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When you're in the hack and you're about to make your shot you have to believe in yourself. Three, this is important, believe in your teammates. You got to support each other," he said.

In addition to the success achieved by these rinks, there have been solid finishes for other youth rinks around the county,

whether it was the under 18 boys in Minden or even the high school teams.

When asked if it could get any better than this, Nichols said, "I don't know. Maybe we'll see one of these kids one day playing in the Olympics. You never know. [However] it's all about having fun," he said.



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Jr Hawks host Kawartha qualifier

Our junior badminton team hosted the Kawartha Qualifying tournament here at HHSS. Our team played well under pressure during the tournament and had solid

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Submitted by Judi Paul

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- 10. Type of music
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- 19. Baked dessert
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- 23. Distributed
- 25. Close
- 26. Midway between east and southeast
- 27. Thunderstorm code
- 28. Where wrestlers work
- 30. Away from (prefix)
- 31. Canadian law enforcers
- 33. Shade
- 35. Sir Samuel ___, Brit. statesman
- 37. Della ___, singer
- 38. Existing in fact
- 40. Tennis matches have at least two
- 41. Reunifying Chinese dynastv
- 42. Not just "play"
- 44. Angry
- 45. Photomultiplier tube

- 48. Slovenly person
- 50. __ and Diu
- 52. Cologne
- 53. What actors deliver
- 55. Campaigned
- 56. Cash machine
- 57. Spanish be
- 58. Animal that eats insects
- 63. Colonists who supported the British
- 65. Loved
- 66. A pair of people who live together
 - 67. Work tools
 - **CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Kilogram force (abbr.) 2. Your consciousness of
- your own identity
- 3. Score
- 4. A way to modify
- 5. Respect
- 6. Midwife
- 7. Region near the Dead
- Gerais: gold-rich state of Brazil
- 9. Equally
- 10. Monetary units
- 11. The mentioning of things one by one
- 13. Traveling entertainers
- 15. Small island

- 17. A way to sing
- 18. __-bo: form of exercise
- 21. "The Bard"
- 23. The best player
- 24. Male parent
- 27. Harm the reputation
- 29. Allow for the tare of
- 32. Grand __: wine classification
- 34. Soak
- 35. Bother
- 36. Ophthalmologist 39. Preceded
- 40. __ Francisco, Califor-
- 43. Touch gently
- 44. Lithuanian given
- - 46. Matched
 - 47. Stomach
- 49. Mother of all gods in Scots' Celtic mythology
- 51. Partner to cheese
- 54. Fit of irritation
- 59. Visit
- 60. Suffragist Wells
- 61. Swearing to the truth of a statement
 - 62. Old Red Sandstone
 - 64. Sacred Hindu syllable

Answers on page 24



Red Hawks junior girls doubles player Grace Kim returns a shot during a match at the Kawartha qualifying tournament on Thursday, April 12 at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. More photos on next page./DARREN LUM Staff

Hawks advancing 1st Rebecca Archibald and Melissa Brinkos girls' doubles 1st Zach Morissette and Braden Robinson - boys' doubles

2nd Issac Little -Boys' Singles

3rd Ethan Glecoff and Hannah Riopelle - mixed doubles



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT **MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL**

• DATE: TIME:

May 7, 2018

LOCATION:

Council Chambers in the Municipal Office

135 Maple Ave., Haliburton, Ontario

APPLICATIONS:

- 1. Lands of Total Site Services: • Purpose and Effect: The proposed amendment will re-zone a portion of the subject lands to allow a waste disposal site.
- Zone Change: Rural Type 1L (RU1L) to Disposal Industrial Holding (MD-H);
- Location: Part Lot 25, Concession 3, Geographic Township of Dysart, Municipality of Dysart et al, Coaldale Road.
- \bullet This application is subject to a Holding provision which means the rezone will not come into effect until the applicant obtains an Environmental Compliance Certificate Approval (ECA) from the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change to permit the proposed 4 cell sewage lagoon and fulfils any additional requirements to the satisfaction of the Municipality of Dysart et al.
- 2. Lands of Lancashire Homes Ltd.:
- Purpose and Effect: The proposed amendment would create site-specific zone provisions on the severed portion of the property to create a 30 metre water setback and a minimum lot area of 6 hectares
- Zone Change: Waterfront Residential Type 4L (WR4L) to Waterfront Residential Type 4L - 7 Exception Zone.
- · Location: Lot 21, Concession 9, Geographic Township of Guilford, Municipality of
- This application fulfils condition 9 of the draft approval of the application for consent known as H-034/17 by Lancashire Homes Ltd.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION about this application, including a copy of the draft by-law, is available by contacting the Planning Department during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) at the contact information listed below.

PRESERVING YOUR RIGHT OF APPEAL: For information about preserving your appeal rights, please contact the Planning Department during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) at the contact information listed below.

Dated at the Township of Dysart, this 16th day of April, 2018.

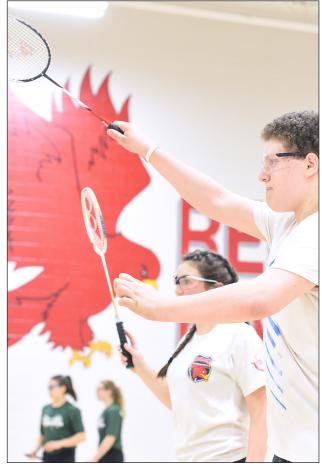
Sue Harrison, Senior Planner, AICP Planning and Development

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Red Hawks junior boys doubles players Alex Little, left, and Tyson Clements play a doubles Norwood Knights team during the Kawartha qualifying tournament on Thursday, April 12 at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School./ DARREN LUM Staff



Red Hawks junior mixed doubles players Megan Klose and Tyler Martin play a match at the Kawartha qualifying tournament on Thursday, April 12 at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School./DARREN LUM Staff



Red Hawks junior girls doubles players Emma Casey, far left, and Grace Kim, far right, listen to their coach Jason Morissette during a break in their match at the Kawartha qualifying tournament on Thursday, April 12 at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School./DARREN LUM Staff





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Road warriors come up short

J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School's senior player Sophie Longo, left, challenges Archie Stouffer Elementary School defender Brooke Stover during the Senior Girls Basketball Tournament on Thursday, April 12 at Archie Stouffer Elementary School. The Haliburton elementary school played the Minden school to open the tournament, which included a field of eight schools (Leslie Frost, Woodville, Jack Callaghan, Ridgewood, Lady Mackenzie and Fenelon Township Public School, including the county schools. /DARREN LUM Staff



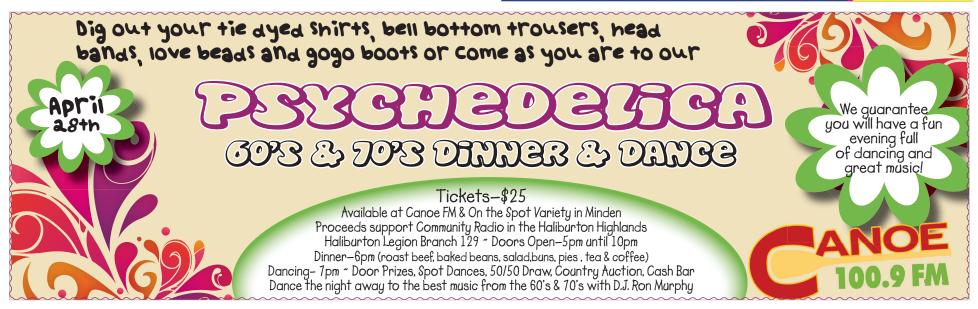


J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School's player Bella Smolen drives with the ball



The Jaguars finished 1-3 in round-robin play, including a close loss to the Wildcats of Archie Stouffer **Flementary** School. Haliburton did not advance to the playoffs.





UPCOMING Community **Events**

Snapping Turtles

David LeGros is an Algonquin Park Naturalist, MNRF, with many years of experience in educating the public about snapping turtles and how we can protect Ontario wild

When:Tuesday April 17 at 7 p.m. Where: Haliburton Highlands Museum General Admission \$5. Sponsored by the Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists. www.hhfn.ca

Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group

When: Wed. April 18. Pot-Luck Supper 5 to 6 p.m; speaker

What: Larry Cotton and his book "Whiskey & Wickedness" Cost: No charge; everyone welcome For more info contact Gail 705-286-2225

Music Night

When: Wednesday, April 18, 7 p.m. Where: West Guilford Community Centre 1061 Kennisis Lake Road just east of Highway 118 Hosted by West Guilford Baptist Church All are welcome. Presented by The Church in Haliburton

CFUW speaker of the month

When: Thursday April 19, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Where: Minden Hospital Auditorium

Who: Jennifer Semach

Topic: Walkabout Farm Therapeutic Riding Academy

Cost: FREE

Jennifer Semach is the driving force behind Walkabout Farm Therapeutic Riding Academy in Minden. She will present her unique equine program which provides a therapeutic approach to help reduce stress, develop confidence and achieve a balance with exercise and discipline for children, youth and adults with mental health challenges and physical disabilities.

Maplefest All You Can Eat Pancake/Sausage **Brunch and Bake Sale**

When: Saturday, April 21, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Where: Lochlin United Church 1050 Lochlin Road off

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Maple Lake United Church home baked Ham Dinner

When: Saturday, April 21, One sitting only at 5 p.m Where: Maple Lake United Church (corner of Hwy. 118 and Airport Road)

Cost is \$18.00 and \$8.00 for children under 12. Please reserve by calling Merrie Barry - 705-754-2258 or Beverly Upton – 705-286-2130. Reservations are recommended. Gift certificates and take-outs are also available.

Country Hot Flashes

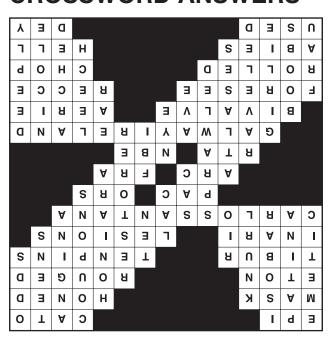
When: Saturday, April 21, 4 to 7 p.m.

Where: Haliburton Legion Branch 129, Clubroom Cost: \$5.00 cover charge for non-members

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CROSSWORD ANSWERS



Memories of school days past

community news wilberforce

Hilda Clark

Weather again is a major issue not just in Wilberforce but across Ontario this Sunday afternoon as it has been since Friday evening, Now in its second phase freezing rain is topping up a snowy, windy weekend. So far no power failure here.

There have been event cancellations including St. Margaret's Sunday church service.

Thankfully, before the storm, a pleasant mid-week lunch with an old friend from my Oakville years was enjoyed as she house-sat for her brother in Buckhorn. Nancy Anderson, daughter of Ross, lives in Kingston now. No, she is not the Nancy that grew up in Tory

That brings me to send condolences to family of Bob and Noreen Bishop especially to Chris and Nancy (nee Anderson). Precious memories will ease the loss.

Sympathy is also sent from our community to Eleanor and all the family and friends of Earl Cooper: a good citizen and a thoughtful person who brought comfort and joy to many through his music. Earl and

delivering thoughtful messages and Eleanor playing the organ. And Earl and the Pipes and Drums were regulars in the County Good Times parade for many

Eleanor were often helpful at St. Margaret's. Both

So many memories as one considers the death of Earl, Bob and Noreen who contributed greatly to the life of Haliburton County.

The young Bob Bishop pictured at his wedding reminded me of a classroom at the old high school, now abandoned there in Haliburton. September of school year 1951-52 began the first year a high school bus ran from Wilberforce to Haliburton. Joyful that I could finish high school and still live at home, yet nervous about joining a new group of people, I was glad at least Fred Taylor was there too. Both the Grade 11 and 12 classes were in that room. I still remember where many of students sat and how well Mrs. Hall, Miss Williams and Mr. Thayer managed to teach their subjects to one class while the other studied.

Among those in Grade 11 was the quiet, reserved, good looking Bob Bishop. His homework must always have been done for he seemed to be a cooperative model student. Seeing his wedding photo I marvelled that he looked so young and about to settle in to married life. What wonderful contributions they made in their community.

Also in that class were Jean Webb (Isles), Bessie Lee (Croft), Bonny Lee (Walling), Barb Watson, Elaine Heron (Roberts), Carl Woodcock, Tom Hodgson and others. Tom and I sat in the same pew at Earl Cooper's funeral and did some quiet memory sharing before the

In the Grade 12 class over by the window sat Curry Bishop with Aldyth Sisson right behind him. Margaret Hodgson, Ayla Rennie, and Barb Sisson were there and one remembers Herb Baker who seemed to need to be roused by Mrs. Hall from napping at times after playing a lot of hockey.

So long ago, so many roads travelled and yet that classroom holds so many memories for me.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Council, at their April 23, 2018 meeting, will be considering amendments to Schedule "C" of the Fees By-law 2015-16 pertaining to Fire Department Fees:

- Fire Reports will be increased from \$40 to \$50 each;
- MTO fees pertaining to motor vehicle accidents will be increased to the MTO rate schedule which is \$465.42/ hr/truck for 2018;
- New fees will be established for unapproved open air burning, preventable alarm calls and private contractor or equipment rental fee cost recovery.

Cheryl Coulson, Clerk ccoulson@dysartetal.ca



Municipality of Dysart et al

Request for Tender No. 2018-1200 Reconstruction of Parking Lot at A.J. LaRue CommunityCentre Village of Haliburton

The Municipality of Dysart et al is inviting tenders for the Reconstruction of the Parking Lot at the A.J. LaRue Community Centre in the Village of Haliburton.

The approximate major items and quantities include: Earth Excavation 1000 m 3

Granular A & Dranger B (450 mm depth) 5100 m 2 Hot Mix Asphalt (50 mm depth) 5100 m 2 Concrete Curb & Dranger Gutter 112 m Concrete Sidewalk (1.5m) 415 m 2 Storm Sewer (various dia) 117 m Storm Water Bio Retention Cell 1 LS

Sealed tenders will be received by the Municipality of Dysart et al at 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton ON, K0M 1S0 on or before 2:00 p.m. local time Thursday, May 3rd, 2018.

Hardcopy tender documents may be obtained at the Township Office. Digital copies of the tender documents can be obtained, at no charge, through Biddingo.com. Questions during tendering can be directed to:

Mr. Rob Camelon Director of Public Works Municipality of Dysart et al. rcamelon@dysartetal.ca

Mr. John Sayles Contract Administrator Engage Engineering john@engageeng.ca

NOTICE (Applicant – KEY)

IN THE MATTER OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT AND IN THE MATTER OF A PROPOSED BY-LAW OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST TO CLOSE, STOP-UP AND CONVEY CERTAIN PORTIONS OF A ROAD ALLOWANCE ALONG THE SHORE OF ESSON LAKE, MORE PARTICULARLY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED.

NOITCE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, WILBERFORCE, Ontario on Wednesday, the 2nd day of May, 2018, at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

> Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 21, Concession 16, Township of Monmouth, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Parts 1 and 2 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by C.T. STRONGMAN SURVEYING LTD., dated November 16, 2016.

The Preliminary Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours (9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday) at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce,

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be

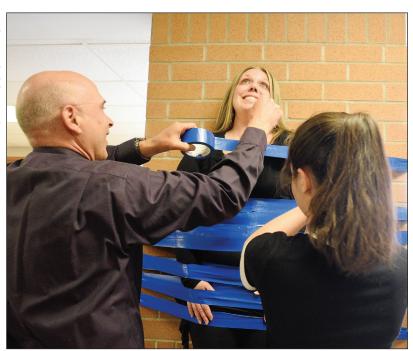
AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Municipality of Highlands East shall then and there hear in person or by his or her counsel, Solicitor or Agent, any person who claims that his, her or their lands will be prejudicially affected by the said By-Law and who applies to be heard in person. The person who wishes to address Council should contact the Township office for

DATED at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 10th day of April, 2018.

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Haliburton Highlands Secondary School teacher Rebeka Borgdorff smiles while she allows herself to be duct taped to a pillar in the school foyer, as part of her promise if \$400 was donated by students and faculty for the high school's fifth annual Light It Up Blue fundraiser.





HHHS teacher Paul Longo reacts to eating bugs, which he promised to do if \$1,000 was raised by students and faculty



Staff comes through for LIUB

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School principal Dan Marsden holds up the Tiny Treats Trophy for eating his crickets and superworms the fastest, sitting beside teacher Paul Longo. They had promised to eat the insects if \$1,000 or more was raised by students and faculty for the high school's Light It Up Blue fundraiser. The fundraiser raised a little more than \$1,300, surpassing its \$1,200 goal thanks to the donations of students and faculty. Teachers and administrators tackled challenges including wearing a blue suit with a tutu, being taped to a pillar, singing a duet, having their facial hair shaved, eating bugs and getting a tattoo. This event helps to raise awareness for autism and important funds for a field trip to the Toronto Zoo for the PALS (Practical Academic and Life Skills) students and for Autism Ontario - Peterborough Branch/DARREN LUM



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Board appoints new

HHSS principal, ends

vice-principalship

Committee's choice turns down job

Dysart to alter recreation plans

The person selected to become Dysart et al's first recreation direction has declined the job "for persons and in West Guilford, Fearing Murray Feary told council and Murray Feary told consolidered by council and Considered by council and the recreation committee to the the top applicant among more than 30 hopefuls, that many selected for the job was a sound one, and indicators and the recreation committee to the top applicant among more than 30 hopefuls, that many selected for the job was a sound one, and indicators and the first provide, the control of the scheme, council will then have to decide how much funding it can provide, the control of the scheme, council will then have to decide how much funding it can provide, the control of the scheme, council will then have to decide how much funding it can provide, the control of the scheme, council will then have to decide how much funding it can provide, the control of the scheme, council will then have to decide how much funding it can provide, the control of the scheme council of the council of the scheme council of the council of th

and direction has decoded the job "for personal reasons" Dysart et al reeve Murray Fearry told council and the recreation committee to be the top applicant among more than 30 hopefuls, that man selected for the job was the only one of three people chosen for final interviews whom the committee felt could fill the position to its satisfaction.

The turndown left two options open, Fearrey told council and recreation committee representative Brian Black. If the position was advertised again and further interviews carried out, and a suitable person could be found, hiring could not take place before late May, too late to initiate any programs before the summer. A second option would be to establish a limited program under the direction of alocal high school teacher with an interest in recreation. Students could also be used to help run the mall scale program, the teve said.

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Storefront offic in new location

The Ontario Provincial Police storefront office in Haliburton moved to life park is playground.

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Dysart by-law will ban pets from park

Unhappy with the fact that some people are letting their dogs leave excrement in Head Lake Park, Dysart et al council has decided to draft a by-law to ban all animals from the park.

At a meeting Monday, council noted that the presence of animal excrement in the park's playground area

Storefront office



It's often a lot easier to sing with your friend close at hand or so these two girls thought. The pair were part of the Victoria Street School choir attending the

Minister to announce 1981 priorities soon

Hwy. 121 repaving uncertain

Cracking of Hwy. 121 south ongoing problem : engineer

Grinding of pad may stop leaking

at Minden library

renew Mr. Robinson's contract without any explanation or reason'.

Robinson was one of three people who applied for the position, which was advertised locally but not provincially. He replaces Brian Mosgrove, who has stepped down in order to return to classroom teaching.

Other changes in the administrative structure of the school will accompany Robinson's appointment. The position of vice principal will be eliminated and replaced by two administrative assistrants. The positions are intended to be open to any qualified teacher in the school and will be awarded on a two-year basis.

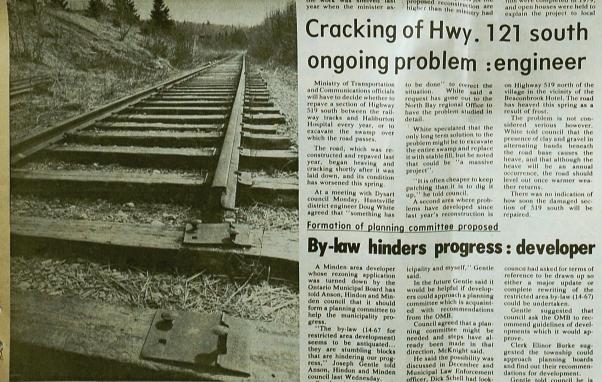
Teachers who fill the position will teach four periods instead of the usual six periods, and will receive an additional \$2000 per year for assuming the responsibility. The existing department head structure will be retained.

In an effort to keep water from seeping under the bottom of log of the new Minden cultural centre, Anson, Hindon and Minden council has decided to grind down the cement pad around the outside of the building.

Acting reeve Doug Pritchard said the pad will be ground down so it will slope away from the building allowing water to run off instead of under the sill log and into the building.

The bottom log is now protected by a strip of copper flashing and will be caulked by the contractor. Ron 1867 in the contractor, Ron 1867 in the contractor, and the contractor of the contractor of the contractor of the contractor. Conneil under this decision in a closed-door session at the regular council metal to the contractor.

Dysart purchases



The future of the Lindsay-Haliburton rail line remains uncertain pending a decision on CN's application to abandon the line. There is no indication of how soon the decision

Future of rail line not decided

By-law hinders progress: developer

Formation of planning committee proposed

(that is questioned)." because the rezoning is under
its jurisdiction, councillor
Lyle McKnight explained.
However, the hearing was
a "costly lessen for the mun-

icipality and myself," Gentle said it would be helpful if developers could approach a planning committee which is acquainted with recommendations from the OMB.

Council agreed that a planning committee might beneeded and steps have already been made in that direction, McKnight said. He said the possibility was discussed in December and Municipal Law Enforcement officer, Dick Schell had looked into the matter.

McKnight also noted that

Minden appoints BIA board



A section of newly reconstructed Highway 519 south of Haliburton between the railway tracks has heaved and cracked because of swampy conditions, and the MTC must now decide whether to repair it, or excavate the swamp to eliminate the problem in the future.





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- · experience in fine dining service
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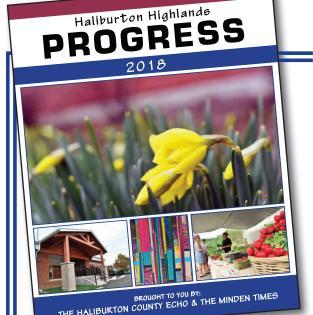
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The Trillium Team Royal LePage Lakes of Haliburton and Amanda Rico Yoga have teamed up to offer yoga classes Wednesday mornings in the loft of the Village Barn in Haliburton, from 7:30-8:30 am. Admission is by donation with all proceeds going to local charities.

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Gary MacDonald (Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at Haliburton Highlands Health Services surrounded by his family on Thursday evening, April 12, 2018 in his 74th year. Beloved husband and best friend of Donna Pacey-MacDonald.

Loving father of Cara (Darren), Tanya (predeceased) and Tina (George). Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Nikita, Kirah, Callia, Daniel and Ryan. Dear brother of Barbara, Marilyn and Willard (predeceased). Also lovingly remembered by his sister-in-law Doris (John) and brother-in-law Doug (Lynell) and by his many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Gary worked as the Director of Public Works for many municipalities including Dysart et al and Galway, Cavendish and Harvey (Trent Hills). He enjoyed feeding wildlife, walking and boating. Gary advocated for the safety and security of children.

Visitation, Funeral Service & Reception

Friends are invited to call at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Wednesday April 18, 2018 from 4 p.m. until time of Funeral Service in the Chapel at 7 o'clock. Reception to follow in The Community Room. As expressions of sympathy, donations to Point In Time - Food For Kids, World Wildlife Fund or a charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

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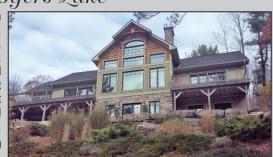
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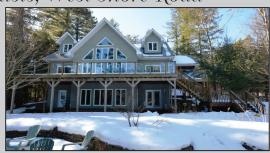
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